(d) The inflow of foreign direct investment and domestic investments approved during the year 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98 and 1998-99 in the food processing industries has been as follows :

Amount : Rs. Crores

Year	Amount of inflow of Foreign Direct Investment	Domestic Investment
1995-96	285.17	3622
1996-97	832.29	3273
1997-98	342.09	1988
1998-99	94.75	2038

(Source : Deptt. of Industrial Policy & Promotion)

Industrial Growth Centres in Gujarat

4421. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the particulars of Industrial growth Centres set up in Gujarat;

(b) whether government are contemplating to set up some more Industrial Growth Centres there;

(c) whether any request has been received from the State Government in this regard;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the progress made, so far, and by when these centres are likely to be set up ?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : (a) All the three growth centres allotted for Gujarat State under the Growth Centre Scheme have been sanctioned. These are at Vagra (district Bharauch), Palanpur (district Banaskantha) and Gandhidham (district Kutch).

(b) and (c) No additional growth centre for the State of Gujarat is under consideration of the Central Government and also no proposal has been received from the Government of Gujarat.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Industrial plots have been developed at the Vagra Growth Centre which has shown considerable progress. The other two growth centres at Palanpur and Gandhidham have yet to demonstrate progress as the State Government is in the process of acquisition of land. Implementation and completion of these projects rests with the state Government.

Changes Made in Exim Policy

4422. SHRI AMAR SINGH : Will the MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of changes made in the recently announced EXIM Policy to brighten the export prospects;

(b) the extent to which our export is likely to be increased during the current year; and

(c) what is the number of items on which Q.R. has been done away with?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) In the revised Exim Policy (RE-2000), 1997-2000 notified on 31-03-2000, Government has announced various measures to promote exports. These include setting up of Special Economic Zones, rationalisation of existing export promotion schemes (EPCG and Duty Exemption/Remission Scheme), encouragement to export of quality/branded goods, procedural simplification, de-centralisation of decision making and reduction of interface between exporters and Government organisation through the facility of electronic filling of application at several port offices.

(b) The growth rate of export depends on various factors, including growth in World Trade and State of economies of other countries/economic blocks over which we do not have any control. However, at present indications, exports prospects look to be fairly bright.

(c) Quantitative Restrictions on 714 additional items have been removed with effect from 1-4-2000.

FDI in IT Industry

4423. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA : Will the MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up a major proposal for Information Technology (IT) industry recommending 100 per cent FDI through automatic route for all operations that provide infrastructure for this industry;